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## EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

LORRAINE B.,1 6

No. 1:21-cv-03011-MKD

ORDER GRANTING

STIPULATED MOTION FOR

SENTENCE FOUR OF 42 U.S.C. §

REMAND PURSUANT TO

405(g) AND CLOSING FILE

VS.

KILOLO KIJAKAZI, ACTING COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,<sup>2</sup>

Plaintiff,

**ECF Nos. 14, 18** 

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Defendant.

Before the Court is the parties' Stipulated Motion for Remand, ECF No. 18, requesting remand of the above-captioned matter to the Commissioner for

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<sup>1</sup> To protect the privacy of plaintiffs in social security cases, the undersigned identifies them by only their first names and the initial of their last names. See LCivR 5.2(c).

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<sup>2</sup> Kilolo Kijakazi became the Acting Commissioner of Social Security on July 9,

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2021. Pursuant to Rule 25(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Kilolo

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Kijakazi is substituted for Andrew M. Saul as the defendant in this suit. No further

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action need be taken to continue this suit. See 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

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additional administrative proceeding pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). Attorney Victoria Chhagan represents Plaintiff. Attorney Danielle Mroczek represents Defendant. The parties have consented to proceed before a magistrate judge. ECF No. 6.

After consideration, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. The District Court Executive is directed to substitute Kilolo Kijakazi as the Defendant and update the docket sheet.
  - 2. The parties' Stipulated Motion for Remand, ECF No. 18, is GRANTED.
- 3. The above-captioned case be **REVERSED** and **REMANDED** to the Commissioner of Social Security for further administrative proceeding pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

The parties have stipulated to the following:

On remand, the Appeals Council will instruct the ALJ to:

- Reevaluate Plaintiff's mental impairments at step two;
- Reevaluate Plaintiff's mental residual functional capacity;
- Reevaluate the supportability and consistency of the opinion evidence;
- Reevaluate Plaintiff's symptoms;
- If warranted by the expanded record, obtain supplemental vocational expert evidence to clarify the effect of the assessed limitations on

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Plaintiff's ability to perform her past relevant work and other work in the national economy;

- Offer Plaintiff the opportunity for a new hearing;
- Take any further action to complete the administrative record; and
- Issue a new decision.

See ECF No. 18 at 1-2.

- 3. Judgment shall be entered for **PLAINTIFF**.
- 4. Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment, ECF No. 14, is STRICKEN AS MOOT.
- 5. Upon proper presentation, this Court consider Plaintiff's application for fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d).

The District Court Executive is directed to enter this Order, enter **Judgment**, forward copies to counsel, and **CLOSE THE FILE**.

DATED November 9, 2021.

s/Mary K. Dimke
MARY K. DIMKE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE